

# DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of Nov. 15th,  
through Nov. 22nd, 2016

**THE DESOTO RECREATION CENTER AND FITNESS CENTER WILL CLOSED BEGINNING NOVEMBER 28, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 19, 2016 FOR REMODELING OF THE CONTROL CENTER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AS WE WORK TO IMPROVE OUR SERVICE.**



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44<sup>th</sup> Annual Hometown  
Holiday Parade

Presents  
*A Beary Special Celebration*  
December 3, 2016  
5:00 PM

The parade route will begin at Seahawk Drive and Hampton Road and  
will conclude at the DeSoto Town Center 211 E. Pleasant Run Road

Marching Pride

DeSoto Parks & Recreation  
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DESOTO TOWN CENTER / 211 EAST PLEASANT RUN ROAD  
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## 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Hometown Holiday Parade *A Beary Special Celebration*

Return Form to:  
DeSoto PARD Administration Office  
211 E. Pleasant Run Road  
DeSoto, TX 75115  
Phone 972-230-9551 / Fax 972-230-5796  
Email: smccallan@desototexas.gov

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2016  
Time: Parade begins at 5:00 p.m.

GROUP NAME

CONTACT NAME

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL

### PARADE REGISTRATION TYPE:

- ☐ \$25: Early Bird NON-PROFIT (by November 11, 2016)  
☐ \$35: Registration (by November 11, 2016)  
☐ \$60: Late Registration (after November 11, 2016)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**  
Parade Participants will be dropped off at City Hall at the end of the parade route. Parents may park in the parking lot on Pleasant Run behind the City Hall building. Floats can continue east on Pleasant Run to reach their final destination.

Please check the category that most closely describes your entry: All vehicles/floats must be 50% illuminated

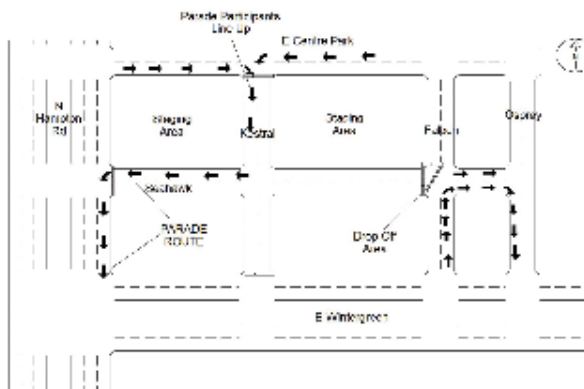
- ☐ Motor Vehicle with trailer ☐ Marching Unit (Walkers ☐ approximate number of walkers)  
☐ Motor Vehicle Only ( ☐ Number of vehicles) ☐ Choir or Band

Describe entry: \_\_\_\_\_

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- ☐ \$500 GOLD SPONSOR: Trailer or Float in the Parade, Top 10 line up in the parade, Logo on all marketing  
☐ \$250 SILVER SPONSOR: Float in Parade, Top 15 line up in the parade, Logo on all marketing  
☐ \$100 BASIC SPONSOR: Float in Parade, Top 25 line up in the parade, Mention of company

**PARADE ROUTE:** Line up at the 1700 Block of Kestral Avenue (Line up will be on a first come first serve basis)



### PARADE GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

- Santa Claus will be provided by the Chamber - NO OTHER SANTA CLAUS ALLOWED!
- Candy cannot be thrown - must be handed out.
- Judges will be stationed along Hampton Road.
- Please keep the parade moving with no gaps!
- Parade Line Up - 1700 Block of Kestral Avenue. All participants enter the parade staging area. Parade line up begins at 3:00 p.m. All participants (walkers, military, bands, cheerleaders, private clubs, floats, autos and trailers) MUST be in place no later than 4:15 p.m. Rotary Club, Lions Club and Citizens on Patrol representatives (wearing bright yellow vests) will be stationed at the staging areas to answer questions and give directions.

Parade Route: Turn right on Seahawk, turn left on Hampton. Parents should pick up walkers and children at Town Center. Floats continue east on Pleasant Run to reach final destination.

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*Christi Bell*  
ENTERPRISES

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## THE FREE \$MART MONEY BOOT CAMP

Teaching about money in a fun and *fantabulous* way!

### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- How My Gifts, Talents, and Dreams Equal Dollar\$ For Me? (talents, gifts, career goals, and planning)
- What Do I Do When I get Some Money? (tithing, budgeting, planning, and money management)
- How does money really work? (making money work for you)
- How Can I Be My Own Boss? (Entrepreneurship)



**"The Financial Literacy Camp is back by popular demand for Fall 2016!!!"**

(TEENS - AGES 13 AND UP)  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 FROM 6:30 - 7:30 PM  
Topics: Budgeting and Insurance

### THE \$MART MONEY BOOT CAMP

is designed to encourage and support life-long habits of good financial stewardship through a fun, dynamic, engaging, hands-on "\$mart Money" series for children and teens.

All information will be presented in a very active and engaging "kid-friendly" format.  
\$MART MONEY was designed to empower teens to be better stewards of their financial resources by teaching and promoting financial literacy and good money habits.  
**The \$MART MONEY BOOT CAMP is FREE!!!**

**SMART MONEY BOOT CAMP LOCATION:**  
DESOTO PUBLIC LIBRARY  
211 E. PLEASANT RUN RD.  
DESOTO, TEXAS 75115  
CALL 972-230-9666  
to reserve your spot now

*Christi Bell* brings over 20 years of educational experience into her powerful and engaging presentations and lessons which empower kids and inspire them to greatness. Christi Bell is a powerful, motivational speaker and master teacher extraordinaire.



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Let The \$MART MONEY BOOT CAMP Experience Come to You!  
Presentations can be made at conferences, workshops, schools, and other events.



Contact me at [cbell2911@att.net](mailto:cbell2911@att.net)

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Commit your actions to the LORD,  
and your plans will succeed. ~Proverbs 16:3

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CITY OF DESOTO  
OFFICES &



THE LIBRARY AND  
COMPUTER LAB

*will be*  
**{CLOSED}**



*November 24 & 25 for*  
**THANKSGIVING**

The Library and Computer Lab will close at  
6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 23.



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## DeSoto's Public Utilities Division Offers Free Water University Classes

The DeSoto Public Utilities Department has partnered with Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center to offer a series of water efficiency and landscape maintenance classes focused on techniques to conserve water and reduce monthly water bills. These classes are free of charge to DeSoto residents, but will require registration. Classes are limited to 75 attendees. You will want to sign up early to guarantee your seat. Here's the schedule for the coming year:

### January 31 – Vegetable Gardening 6:30 to 8:30pm

Know where your food comes from by growing your own vegetables. Learn proper soil preparation, garden design, disease and insect identification, and the proper time to germinate vegetable seeds and/or when to transplant vegetables into your garden for the season.

### April 25 – Rainwater Harvesting 6:30 to 8:30pm

Come learn the basics and benefits of rainwater harvesting and the effects stormwater has on the environment. Participants will learn how to collect and utilize rainwater at home and have the opportunity to construct their very own 55 gallon rain barrel. This class is hands on "DIY" and each participant will take home a barrel. There may be a small fee to cover the cost of the barrel.

Registration for this class will be handled by the City of DeSoto. Please email [scarmichael@desototexas.gov](mailto:scarmichael@desototexas.gov). Deadline to register is Friday, April 21, 2017. We will have a maximum of 25 barrels available however, you may bring someone with you to help you with the project.

### August 22 – Composting 6:30 to 8:30pm

Is your trash can full at the end of the week? Did you know that you can reduce the waste carried to landfills by composting more and throwing away less? This program teaches the composting process, the different types and methods of composting, as well as how to compost and its importance.

All Classes are free and take place in the DeSoto Civic Center Bluebonnet Room 211 E. Pleasant Run Rd DeSoto, Texas 75115



To attend any of these classes please register online at

<http://www.desototexas.gov/1769/Water-Conservation-Classes>

If you are unable to register online, please contact the Utility Billing Office at 972.230.9627 for assistance.






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## DESOTO YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Registration opens October 31 - December 26




Season Starts January 7, 2017

**Cost**  
\$65 per player for DeSoto/Glenn Heights Residents  
\$85 per player for Non-Residents Residents

\*\$5 Sports I.D. card  
\*\$15 late fee after December 26

**Ages**  
4 - 14 for boys and girls  
age as of September 1 of the current school year

**No Gate Fees**  
**Adequate practice space**  
**Participation awards**



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DeSoto Recreation Center | 211 E. Pleasant Run Rd., DeSoto, TX 75115

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## Connected! A Special Needs Parent Support Group



Come join us on the first Thursday of each month at the DeSoto Public Library as we provide support and share resources for parents of individuals with intellectual and physical differences.

### What to Expect:

Monthly meetings, speaker workshops, information about community resources, parent-to-parent networking, social family events, & more including education advocacy.

Location: DeSoto Public Library  
211 E. Pleasant Run Rd. Suite C  
DeSoto, Texas 75115 (Teen Room)

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Group Coordinator: Beverly Rowden, LMSW  
Email: [Beverlyrowden9@gmail.com](mailto:Beverlyrowden9@gmail.com)

Friend us on Facebook! Search for “Connected!” to join the group and stay up to date on the latest news, including upcoming speakers, events, and more.



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## FOOD FOR FEES DRIVE

November 1, 2016 through December 30, 2016



One item = \$1.00 reduction in fines\*

*BENEFITTING THE DESOTO FOOD PANTRY*



\* ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR OVERDUE FINES ONLY, NOT FOR REPLACEMENT FEES FOR LOST OR DAMAGED LIBRARY ITEMS.

PLEASE CALL THE CIRCULATION DESK AT 972.230.9665 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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**WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS**  
**GREATER DALLAS**



**What: Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas Job Search Assistance**

**When: Tuesdays from 4 pm to 8 pm**

**Where: DeSoto Public Library**



Each Tuesday evening from 4:00 PM–8:00 PM, we will have a representative of Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas assisting job seekers at the Library with resumes, interview skills, WorkinTexas.com registration, and information about workforce programs and career pathways.

**DeSoto Public Library • 211 E Pleasant Run Road, Suite C • DeSoto, Texas 75115**

Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.  
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